

The Chronicle and Directory for 1871.

THIS Work, now in the NINTH year of its existence, will be published as early as practicable after the close of the current year.

It will be compiled and printed at the Daily Press Office, as usual, from the best and most authentic sources, and no pains will be spared to make the work complete in all respects.

In addition to the usual varied and voluminous information, the value of the "Chronicle" and Directory for 1871 will be further augmented by the addition of a Chromo-lithograph plate of the NEW CODE OF SIGNALS in use at the Peak; also of the various HOUSE FLAGS; a MAP OF HONGKONG; a MAP OF JAPAN; and a CHART OF THE COAST; besides other local information and statistics corrected to date of publication, tending to make this work the *uide sacrum* for all Public, Mercantile and General Offices.

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Daily Press Office, Nov. 12th, 1870.

MARRIAGE.
On 21st instant, at Christ Church, Canton, by the VENERABLE ARCHBISHOP GRAY, HENRY JOHN HOOPER of Yokohama, Japan, to ANNA GRENADIER, eldest daughter of JOSEPH BEARD, Esq. of St. James Terrace, Hyde Park, London.

The service was held at 10.30, and the last service left the office at 10.55.

The Daily Press

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 23RD, 1870.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the information from a home correspondent published yesterday to the effect that there is a likelihood of Sir HARRY PARKER being appointed Minister at Pekin, may turn out to be well founded. We believe that there are no two opinions in China as to the fitness of Sir H. Parker to fill such a post at the present time. No official in the service of the Foreign Office has shown himself better possessed of the particular powers which are required for dealing with the Chinese, and no public servant is better entitled to advancement than Sir H. Parker. During the long reign that he has been in a public capacity scarcely a single act of indiscretion can be laid to his charge, and this is very high praise indeed to give to anybody whose acts are constantly before the public, and are submitted to the closest and most vigilant scrutiny.

Sir Harry Parker has the happy talent of combining conciliatory with the firmness which is required to deal successfully with a people like the Chinese, who are as astute in perceiving the ultimate effects of their acts as they are in availing themselves of the slightest deviation from the strictest courtesy and propriety on the part of the foreign officials with whom they have intercourse. A general idea that it will not do to go too far in opposition is the one which it is essential to convey to the Chinese in order to negotiate with them satisfactorily. A weak pandering to their whims and prejudices is likely to lead to results as unsatisfactory as the opposite course of using threats, which they soon perceive are little likely to be carried out. The strongest position that can be held is that of making them confident that so long as they act reasonably they have nothing to fear, but at the same time causing them to feel that there is a definite limit to conciliativeness, beyond which they will be firmly prevented from going. Those who have all their actions upon the representations made by the Chinese, as has been systematically done by Sir R. Aiccock, convey exactly the opposite to this idea. They simply lead the Chinese to conclude that, though they at times make a show of firmness, they can always be talked over, and that hardly under any circumstances will they insist upon their demands being acceded to. In this power of impressing the Chinese with the idea that there is something in the back ground, and that they will find it best to act with due regard to the rights of Western nations, Sir Harry Parker is unsurpassed, if indeed equalled. No better illustration of this could be given than the manner in which he behaved when captured during the last war. When the Chinese threatened him, simply told them that, though he was a single individual, he belonged to a powerful nation, and that their injuring him would be certain to be visited severely upon them. This statement was sufficient to cause them very soon to alter their demeanor, and it was probably to the presence of mind which he displayed that he owed the preservation of his life, and the lives of those of his companions, who were able to survive the tortures to which they had been subjected. All experience proves that in order to avert trouble in China we require men who will deal in this spirit, who, while willing to concede all that is just and reasonable, will not allow the officials to form an idea that Great Britain and other foreign nations are dependent upon their favour, and are unprepared to maintain their rights. Had such a tone as this been adopted during the past five years, we may be certain that the difficulties at present existing would never have arisen, and whatever or their immediate result, it is equally sure that the best way to avoid their recurrence will be to appoint a Minister in Pekin who will make the influence and power of his country felt in China, instead of directing the whole of his efforts to cause Chinese views to be adopted.

In Sir Harry Parker's Great Britain would have a Minister intimately acquainted with Chinese institutions and character, but whose chief care should be that he has not allowed his knowledge of China to make him forgetful of what is due to the interests and dignity of his own country. For these reasons, it is easily understood that the Chinese authorities may not look very favourably on his appointment, and it is quite possible that they may, as is stated, have requested that he should not be accredited to Pekin. But it

must be obvious that the Chinese Mandarins having tortured Sir H. Parker, is nothing against him, and it cannot possibly be held that Great Britain is to be deprived of the services of a valuable diplomatist, because twelve years ago the Chinese treated him with barbarous cruelty and naturally few that he may have a somewhat truer idea of what Chinese civilization is than accords with the wishes of those, who despatched the Bonaparte Mission to announce friendship and progress after the preliminary Tian-tien Massacre.

But even if the Government were disposed to give in to their wishes in the matter, it would perhaps be a little too much for a Chinese impudence to object to receive Sir H. Parker after despatching H.E. Cauca How.

It will be interesting to see what will be the sum total of benefit to the Colony by the abolition of the Colonial Treasurer's office, or more accurately speaking, the Colonial Treasurer. The news of the change and of the peculiar manner in which it has been effected, is somewhat startling, and it is impossible to deny somewhat comical. If the ingenious people in the Colony had been asked to guess in what particular department the Registrar-General would assuredly have nothing to do, it may fairly be predicted that they would have unanimously guessed at that of the Treasurer. But a change is made in the local administration, and as surely as iron goes to the load stone, a couple of hundred pounds fly off and hide safe and sound in the hands of the inevitable Registrar-General. It would be premature to say whether the Colony is to benefit much by the abolition of the office of Treasurer. When the pension that has to be paid is taken into consideration, and as will in all likelihood be the case, a new clerk or two have been engaged, the actual amount saved will probably be little more than the increase which has just been conferred upon the Hon. CECIL C. SMITH. But although there may be some doubt as to what effect will be produced upon the cost of the work done by the Treasurer's Department, there can be little doubt that the Registrar-General will be better off than the Registrar-General of the public funds? In short, is the Registrar-General going to do the work?

The only conceivable way in which he could aid in it would be by calling in the services of some of his Ya-Ya to do the collecting, and it is hardly to be supposed that the assistance of these invaluable individuals will be asked for this purpose. The notion in fact is a simple farce, and giving this extra sum to the Registrar-General is little less than an insult to the common sense of the Colony. What Sir RICHARD's motive is, I cannot say, but the moment he has been engaged, the actual amount saved will probably be little more than the increase which has just been conferred upon the Hon. CECIL C. SMITH. But although there may be some doubt as to what effect will be produced upon the cost of the work done by the Treasurer's Department, there can be little

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HEARS.

Low ACE, a married woman, was fined 25 cents for pulling up some small trees & little trees with her scythe in front of Government buildings. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$100, and to stand in the stocks for 24 hours.

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